

ACTION PLAN FOR 2020 - 2021

Site: Colne Local Nature Reserve		Month/ Season	Priority	Volunteer	Ranger	Contractor
Date: April 2020						
Colne LNR (Combined site)						
1	Patrol and litter pick each area of the site fortnightly with more frequent visits as necessary to deal with reports of problems and issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wivenhoe Woods • Lower Lodge Farm Ferry Marsh	Ongoing	1		X	
2	Seek opportunities to increase wildlife recordings to inform future management plans.	Ongoing	1	X	X	
3	Work with and support Wivenhoe work party leading 10 work parties each year	Ongoing	1		X	
4	Maintain paths and entrances by strimming and removal of overhanging branches.	Spring / Summer	1	X	X	
5	Monitor and support forest school use	Ongoing	1		X	
6	Run and support, events, guided walks and visits by local interest groups	Ongoing	2		X	
7	Record extent of spread of Variegated Yellow Archangel across site. Trial physical removal from selected areas and monitor regrowth	Summer	2	X	X	
Wivenhoe Woods						
8	Carry out annual tree inspections	Ongoing	1		X	X
9	Carry out remedial and emergency tree work following tree inspections	Ongoing	1	X	X	X
10	Monitor Ground Maintenance Contract (GMC) schedule of work Vegetation in car park and picnic area	Spring / Summer	1			X
11	Cut and clear grass glades in valley	Autumn	1	X	X	
12	Monitor extent of sycamore, remove and treat if necessary	Winter	2	X	X	
13	Replant woodland if enough space created from sycamore removal	Winter	2	X	X	
14	Update car park notice board	Ongoing	1		X	
15	Explore options for resuming coppice cycle	Ongoing	1		X	

16	Renew felling license if required	Ongoing	1		X	
17	Replace bridge post and rail fence	Spring / Summer	1	X	X	
18	Check and replace post and rail fence around car park if required	Ongoing	1	X	X	
19	Replace oldest/rotting sections of boardwalk	Ongoing	1	X	X	
Lower Lodge Farm						
20	Carry out annual tree inspections	Ongoing	1		X	X
21	Carry out remedial and emergency tree work following tree inspections	Ongoing	1	X	X	X
22	Monitor GMC schedule of work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cut and clear 1/3 of the conservation grassland, review if this is best treatment for grassland Cut amenity grass and paths	Sept / Oct	1		X	X
23	Check entrances, repair, replace gates and fences as required	Ongoing	1	X	X	
24	Cut amenity grass and paths	Spring / Summer	1			X
25	Remove tree saplings from grassland	Winter	2	X	X	
26	Strim and clear 50 % of rough grassland in lizard refugia	Autumn	1	X	X	
27	Prune boundary hedge around lizard refugia	Autumn / Winter	1	X	X	
28	Remove 1/3 of pond and bankside vegetation from Wivenhoe trail pond	Autumn	1	X	X	
29	Coppice oldest section of willow on seepage line to maintain short coppice cycle	Winter	1	X	X	
30	Cut and clear rough grass at side of seepage line	Autumn / Winter	1	X	X	
31	Strim side growth along spring lane entrance	Summer / Autumn	1	X	X	
32	Maintain drainage around boardwalk	Ongoing	1	X	X	
33	Monitor and replace rotten sections of boardwalk	Summer	1	X	X	
34	Maintain woodland buffer zone where houses adjoin site. Check requirements with CBC Tree Officer	Winter	1	X	X	
Ferry Marsh						
35	Carry out annual tree inspections	Ongoing	1		X	X
36	Carry out remedial and emergency tree work following tree inspections	Ongoing	1	X	X	X

37	Work to secure long-term management of ferry marsh tidal flap. Apply for relevant permission and assent	Ongoing	1		X	
38	Minimise spread of creeping thistle and ragwort by hand pulling	Ongoing	2	X	X	
39	Prevent scrub encroachment within 5m of ditches	Autumn / Winter	1	X	X	
40	Prevent further scrub and tree encroachment on marsh with periodic removal	Autumn / Winter	1	X	X	
41	Cut grass path when water levels allow	Summer	1			X
42	Arrange slobbing out of a section of ditch to maintain open water	Autumn	1		X	X
43	Check, maintain and replace where necessary structures including fencing, bridges and gates	Ongoing	1	X	X	X